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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION - ROBERT L. VESCO

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 8654; (B) BUENOS AIRES 8691

(C) BUENOS AIRES 8599

1. IN LIGHT OF DECEMBER 6 REUTER REPORT OF ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESS OFFICE OF ARGENTINE JUDICIARY GRANTING OF VESCO RESIDENCY AND JUDGMENT OF NON-EXTRADITABILITY WE ARE UNCLEAR AS TO ACTUAL STATUS OF THE TWO ISSUES.

2. WE REQUEST THAT EMBASSY FOLLOW THROUGH WITH TAUREL AS INDICATED REFB TO VERIFY WITHOUT QUESTION THE CANCELLATION OF PERMANENT RESIDENT PERMITS ISSUED TO VESCO AND STRICKLER AND THE DATE OR OTHER SPECIFICS ON THE CANCELLATION, AND TO OBTAIN FOREIGN OFFICE STUDY OF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
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ISSUED BY JUDGE RODRIGUEZ AS TO FULL LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

OF GOA STATEMENT ON REVOCATION OF RESIDENCY PERMITS
AND FOREIGN MINISTRY VIEWS OF COURT SUIT REPORTED REF A,
THE JUDICIARY ISSUED A STATEMENT CONTRADICTORY OF STATEMENTS
AND VIEWS OF GOA.

3. BOYWITT VISITED DEPT LAST WEEK AND GAVE DEPT OFFICERS
ESSENTIALLY SAME OBSERVATIONS ON VESCO COURT SUIT HE
PROVIDED EMBASSY AS REPORTED REF C.

4. REGARDING PARA 7 REF A, DEPT SENT LETTER TO DEPT OF
JUSTICE NOVEMBER 29 URGING JUSTICE TO PROVIDE DEPT
EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY TO REQUEST
VESCO'S PROVISIONAL ARREST IN ARGENTINA. LATEST INFORMAL
READING AT JUSTICE IS THAT THEY VIEW OUR REQUEST FAVOR-
ABLY AND ARE WORKING ON DOCUMENTS.

5. FOR PRESS GUIDANCE EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ON MATTER OF RESIDENCY PERMITS:

QTE WE REFER YOU TO ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCE-
MENT THAT PERMANENT RESIDENT PERMITS FOR VESCO AND
STRICKLER HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND THAT ARGENTINE
CONSULS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO ISSUE VISAS
TO VESCO AND STRICKLER. UNQTE

(B) ON MATTER OF JUDICIAL DECISION:

QTE SINCE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN
INFORMED OF MR. VESCO'S COURT ACTION, TO WHICH THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WAS NOT A PARTY, WE HAVE
ASKED THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS DETERMINATION
OF THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE JUDGMENT ISSUED
BY JUDGE RODRIGUEZ. UNQTE RUSH

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